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Eric Allibone, a Yorkshireman and proud of it, was first destined for the textile industry. He joined a firm in his native Wakefield and attended a diploma course at Leeds University. A language scholarship took him to Berlin for a year, but he returned to find the textile industry badly hit by recession and so turned to his own choice, medicine.

In 1948 he was appointed the first NHS consultant paediatrician in Leeds, with responsibility for half the city's paediatrics, most of the domiciliary and private practice, and a substantial teaching commitment; all this was done with minimal supporting staff and with the attention to detail that characterised him. Known among colleagues as Uncle Eric, he always had time to listen, and his serious expression barely disguised a puckish sense of humour. Having married and started a family relatively late, on "retirement" in 1970 he entered full time general practice (continuing until he was almost 80) and was clinical assistant to a large hospital for the mentally handicapped.

Outside medicine he managed a large garden and enjoyed listening to music, photography, and woodwork. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, a paediatric pathologist; a son, who is a doctor; and two daughters. —RWS.

Eric Cory Allibone, latterly a general practitioner and previously a consultant paediatrician in Leeds (1948-70), died 15 December aged 85. Born Wakefield, 20 January 1905; educated Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, and University of Leeds (MB, ChB 1934). Previously resident medical officer and university tutor in Leeds, then resident medical officer and registrar at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

D THOMSON
OBE, MB, CHB

Donald Thomson's practice covered about 200 square miles, mainly grouse moors and steep valleys. In the early years farms were hard to reach in deep snow, and Donald always said that the most important change in the dale was the introduction of the tractor, whereby farmers could clear the track when the doctor was called. During the war his wife, Betty, helped his partner to run the practice and later managed it alone. In 1948 he and Betty took over another practice; in 1971 the three practices in Weardale united, headed by Donald, and one of the earliest group practice health centres was built in Stanhope.

His standards were high, and he always considered the whole patient, together with the family background, when making a diagnosis or prescribing treatment.

Donald's native language was Gaelic, and he never lost his soft accent. He took a full role in the organisations in the dale and was a magistrate for many years. He was chairman of Bishop Auckland Division of the BMA in 1954. He had a gift for gardening, and one of his houses was built astride a brook: from the window he could watch dippers moving upstream until they vanished beneath the house. After retiring he became engrossed in local history and in tracing his family background. He is survived by Betty, one son, and one daughter (a consultant psychiatrist). —FR.

Donald Thomson, a general practitioner in Stanhope, County Durham, 1938-74, died 11 January. Born Tong, Isle of Lewis,

12 May 1910; educated Nicholson Institute, Glasgow University (MB, BCh 1935). During war served as lieutenant colonel in field ambulances (awarded OBE for services in Italy in 1944). General practitioner in Consett until 1938. Medical superintendent, Horn Hall Sanatorium, until 1957.

R A J BAILY
RD, FRCS

John Baily initially worked at Weston super Mare single handedly, and even after the appointment of a colleague he often had few junior staff and a one in two on call commitment. He never became flustered: his technique was such that operations always went smoothly, and assistants often did not realise the problems entailed until they came to do the operation themselves. He developed a particular interest in knee surgery and with other consultants in the area developed the Bristol Knee Group. Early on in the history of the group all the records were placed on his computer so that they were remarkably easy to access and well organised for those years. In addition to his NHS work he established a large private practice, particularly in hip and knee replacement surgery.

He had several hobbies. A keen photographer, he had an extensive dark room at home. He was also a keen sailor and continued in the Royal Navy Reserve until 1960. The first thing he did when he retired was to arrange a crew and take his 30 foot catamaran from Plymouth to Athens. A member of the South West Orthopaedic Club, he also helped to organise the service provided by World Orthopaedic Concern in Bulawayo.

John worked extraordinarily hard and still indulged in his hobbies, including sailing, despite having had a severe coronary 21 years ago. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and his children, Gillian, David, Patricia, and Guy (a doctor). —MPMcC.

Ralph Arthur John Baily, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Weston General Hospital and Winford Orthopaedic Hospital 1957-83, died 8 October. Born 29 June 1919; educated Glasgow Academy and Cranleigh School and Clare College, Cambridge, and Guy's Hospital Medical School (MB, BChir 1943; MRCS, LRCP 1943). Surgeon lieutenant in Royal Navy. Registrar, Winford Orthopaedic Hospital; senior registrar in orthopaedics in Southampton and then at Bristol Royal Infirmary.

D K LENNOX
FRCS

Ken Lennox was appointed honorary surgeon to Fleetwood Hospital in 1938, and after the war he returned to Blackpool and the Fylde as consultant surgeon. He set a high standard in all aspects of his work and expected that level of performance to be maintained by his staff. He did not suffer fools gladly but was scrupulously fair, and his courteous and confident manner inspired trust. He served on many hospital committees, where his business acumen and logical approach to problems contributed much. An excellent speaker with a keen sense of humour, he was an entertaining companion.

Outside his profession his great love was golf. After the war he had a handicap of three and was a prominent member of Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club, being captain in 1957, a trustee for many years, and vice president until his death. He was president of the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs in 1964. He is survived

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by his wife, Brenda; daughter, Jane; and son, Peter. — AFB.

Donald Kenneth Lennox, consultant surgeon to the Blackpool and Fylde group of hospitals 1945-75, died 11 January aged 80. Born Tongue, 19 August 1910; educated Inverness Academy and Hamilton Academy and Glasgow University (MB, ChB 1933). Wartime service in Royal Army Medical Corps in India and Japan (senior army medical officer in Hiroshima after bombing), becoming lieutenant colonel.

Frederick Noel Glover, formerly consultant surgeon to Guy's and Sevenoaks Hospitals, died 4 January aged 73. Born 21 December 1917; educated Dulwich College, Guy's Hospital (MB, BS 1939). Served in Royal Army Medical Corps as surgical specialist in north west Europe and Far East 1943-7, becoming lieutenant colonel.

JANE LODWICK

MB, BCHIR, DCH

From Cambridge Jane Lodwick went to complete her medical studies at St Bartholomew's Hospital, where she was the first woman to be accepted as a clinical student. Previously, as an evacuee, she had studied at McGill University, Montreal. After she graduated the welfare of children was her main concern, and she held appointments in Leicester, Yorkshire, and East Sussex. She retired in 1984.

For over 40 years she and her husband, Brin, shared their love of mountain walking. She had a strong Christian faith and a positive attitude to life. After retiring to a village near the black mountains she continued her interest in child health as a voluntary researcher for Powys Health Authority's maternity services liaison committee. She was also active in the local church. Inoperable cancer did not stop her activities or dampen her spirit: she tidied up her research and wrote to family and friends. She is survived by Brin, three children, and five grandchildren. — BL.

Jane Lodwick (née Swithinbank), formerly a senior clinical medical officer to Brighton Health District, died 14 November. Educated Benenden Girls' School; McGill University, Montreal; Newnham College, Cambridge; St Bartholomew's Hospital (MA, MB, BChir 1950). Previously an assistant school medical officer, Leicester County Council; assistant county medical officer and assistant school medical officer, Rotherham rural district.

Dr Audrey Glenton Gardham (née Carr), MB, BCHIR, formerly a general practitioner in north London, died on 5 December aged 81. After studying at Newnham College, Cambridge, and University College Hospital she graduated MB (1939), BChir (1935). In 1936 she married John Gardham, a consultant surgeon at University College Hospital, and from 1940 to 1944 she was in general practice in Haslemere. After the war she and John set up home in north London, where she practised until 1965, when they retired to live on Exmoor. John died in 1983. Audrey took particular pleasure in family planning work and school clinics, having a sympathetic interest in the problems of the young. She and John often entertained students and staff at their home and made many visits abroad with the Surgical Travellers Club. She is survived by an older sister, three children (all doctors), and nine grandchildren. — JRCG.

Dr Richard Clipperton Roll, MRCP, formerly a general practitioner in Nelson, Lancashire, died on 5 November. Born on 10 November 1919 and educated at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, Dick gained a place at Aberdeen University but the war intervened. He served in the Royal Artillery, being evacuated from Dunkirk. After the war he graduated MB, ChB at Aberdeen in 1951. In due course he married Helen, a fellow student, and they settled in Nelson. Dick was conscientious and always interested in medical journals and postgraduate lectures. What little spare time he had was invested in his vegetable garden or walking in Pendle. He retired in 1988 to enjoy being with his 13 grandchildren and sailing from Newquay, Wales. He is survived by Helen, three daughters (two doctors, one a social worker), and one son (a dentist). — JC.

MURIEL A HAIGH

MB, BCH

In 1926 Muriel Haigh became an assistant in a practice in the then coal mining town of Wigan, Lancashire, but in 1927 she set up her own singlehanded practice as the first woman general practitioner in the area. She was appointed divisional (in 1929), and later corps, surgeon to the nursing division of the St John Ambulance Brigade, becoming eventually a dame of the order. Only in emergencies did she absent herself from brigade duties, being particularly sought after for her lectures and as an examiner.

Dr Muriel, as she was known throughout the Wigan area, was untiring, quiet, and determined. She was chairman of Wigan Division of the BMA in 1966. Her many other interests included Wigan Soroptomist Club, of which she was founder president in 1941; Wigan Music Society (she was an accomplished pianist, being an associate of the Royal College of Music); and the study of wild flora. She continued to do locum work for many local general practitioners, including her son, long after her retirement. Her latter years were marred by parkinsonism and a fractured femur. Her husband, a dental surgeon, predeceased her, and she is survived by her son. — CAAH.

Muriel Alice Haigh, a general practitioner in Wigan 1927-67, died 4 December. Born Hastings, 2 March 1898; educated Grove Park County School, Wrexham, and University College, Cardiff, and King's College Hospital, London (BSc 1920; MB 1923, BCh 1925; MRCS, LRCP 1923).

F N GLOVER

MS, FRCS

Noel Glover graduated in medicine at the early age of 21. He was a brilliant student and one of the few to pass the examination for the primary fellowship immediately after taking his second MB; by the age of 25 he had obtained both his FRCS and MS. Appointed assistant surgeon to Guy's Hospital in 1948, shortly afterwards he became an examiner in surgery for the University of London and acted in that capacity for both medicine and dentistry.

A compassionate man whose patience during operations was immense, Noel never sought the limelight. His main interests were in the surgery of the ductless glands—he achieved a wide reputation for treating hyperparathyroidism—and in varicose veins. He was also the first surgeon at Guy's to fashion a portacaval anastomosis. Although never particularly interested in medical politics, he was chairman of the hospital's medical committee, where his commonsense approach to problems was invaluable.

Noel's interests outside medicine were in sport—cricket, golf, rugby football, and athletics. He was president of Guy's Cricket Club for many years as well as of his local club at Woldingham. He also collected antiques, Persian carpets, and paintings, about which he was knowledgeable. In 1951 he married Jean, who died in 1980. They had two sons and three daughters (of whom one son and one daughter qualified in medicine), and six grandchildren. — DMC.



Muriel A Haigh